



Fire at Candle Factory 1840

Warminster, Nov 24. About ten o'clock this morning fire broke out in Mr Higgins' candle manufactory, at Crockerton Green, on the high road from this town to Shaftesbury, which threatened destruction to the whole premises. Immediately on its being discovered, a messenger was despatched on horseback for the town engine, which was manned with all possible despatch, and started off with post-horses. Fortunately, by the praiseworthy exertions of several respectable inhabitants of the neighbourhood, and the labouring classes, to whom great praise is due, the fire was got under, without the aid of the engine. Mr Higgins, we regret to state, is not insured.

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